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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR BEGUM RAMAY

REF: LAHORE 0124

1. EMBASSY SUPPORTS LAHORE RECOMMENDATION DEPARTMENT PROVIDE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE BEGUN RAMAY TO VISIT SOCIAL WELFARE CENTERS OF INTEREST TO HER. REFTEL SUGGESTS SHE BE CONTACTED DURING WASHINGTON VISIT TO DETERMINE PROGRAMMING DESIRES. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS PROCEDURE FEASIBLE. PRESUMES HER CONTACTS WITH SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS WILL BEGIN AFTER HER ARRIVAL CALIFORNIA.

2. EMBASSY PREPARED TO RECOMMEND A PARTIAL GRANT IF SHE OR PAKISTAN EMBASSY REQUEST. WE HAVE IN MIND ONLY LIMITED FUNDING TO COVER ACTUAL EXPENSES OF TRAVEL SHOULD IT SEEM DESIRABLE AND BE IN OUR INTEREST TO EXTEND HER ITINERARY AT ANY POINT. NOTE: DO NOT WISH TO MAKE THIS AS AN OFFER BUT ONLY IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC REQUEST FROM PAKISTANI SIDE.

3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF PAKISTANI SENSITIVITIES TO ANY OFFERS INVOLVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING DEPENDENTS. UNWILLING DISCUSS RAMAY PROGRAM WITH GOP. PREFER INITIATIVE COME FROM THEIR SIDE.

4. WILL WAIT FOR DEVELOPMENTS FROM WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS AND
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THEN TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION.

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